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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, UR, IT  
SUBJECT: SOVIET-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS

1. ITALIAN POLITICAL COUNSELOR MIGLIORINI BRIEFED US ON VISIT WHICH THE FOREIGN OFFICE POLITICAL DIRECTOR WALTER GARDINI RECENTLY MADE HERE. GARDINI'S VISIT OCCURED IN THE FRAMEWORK OF ROUTINE SEMI-ANNUAL SOVIET-ITALIAN CONSULTATIONS. MOST OF HIS TALKS WERE WITH DUBININ, HEAD OF THE FIRST EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT, ALTHOUGH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KOVALEV GAVE A DINNER FOR HIM.

2. MIGLIORINI DESCRIBED THE TALKS AS TOTALLY ROUTINE AND "A WASTE OF TIME." THERE WAS NOTHING NEW ON CSCE OR MBFR AND THE MIDDLE EASTERN SECTION OF THE TALKS, ALTHOUGH THE MOST INTERESTING, WAS NOT MARKED BY ANY NEW SOVIET PROPOSALS. THE SOVIETS DID, HOWEVER, SUGGEST THAT ITALY SHOULD TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN SEARCH FOR A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT.

3. ACCORDING TO MIGLIORINI, THE ONLY UNUSUAL ASPECT  
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OF THE TALKS CAME WHEN DUBININ WENT ON AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT HIS INABILITY TO UNDERSTAND THE POLITICS OF THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION. ACCORDING TO MIGLIORINI, DUBININ SAID THAT THE SOVIETS WERE COMPLETELY UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S POSITION WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH THEY SEE AS AN ATTACK ON THE SOVIET UNION AND THE OTHER SOCIALIST STATES.

THE AMERICAN POSITION ON SALT IS EQUALLY UNCLEAR TO THEM, ACCORDING TO MIGLIORINI. DUBININ REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE MARCH PROPOSALS WERE AN ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE THE AMERICANS WITH A UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE AND THAT "OF COURSE" THE SOVIETS COULD NOT ACCEPT THAT. MIGLIORINI COMMENTED THAT WHILE MUCH OF DUBININ'S FORMULATIONS SEEMED ROUTINE, HE FELT THAT THE SOVIETS WERE EXPRESSING AGENUINE BEWILDERMENT AT THE COURSE OF U.S. POLICY.  
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